CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The close-up image shows a girl who appears to be an older child or young teenager. She wears only briefs and her immature body and breasts are the focus of the image. Although her genitals are not shown, the girl's pose is sexual. The image tends to encourage viewers to see young girls as sexually available and to perpetuate the idea that they may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.